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No court in Minden for a year

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

"I'm constrained by the decorum of this chamber to limit myself to language that's appropriate," said Haliburton County Warden Brent Devolin during a March 22 county council meeting. Devolin was reacting to notification that provincial offences and small claims court proceedings in Minden will be suspended for a year, from July 1, 2017 to July 1, 2018, with all of those proceedings to take place in Lindsay instead.

"There is a serious shortage of justices of the peace in the Central East Region which is negatively impacting our operations," reads correspondence from Karen Dunn, manager of court operations for the City of Kawartha Lakes, to the county. "This shortage is mainly due to the fact that the Ministry [of the Attorney General] has not been replacing justices of the peace on a regular basis when they retire or are unable to work. In Central East we should have a compliment of 48 full-time presiding justices of the peace; however, at present we have 11 vacancies and three off on long-term disability. In March alone there will be 80 court closures in our jurisdiction due to this shortage, and it is expected to get worse in the upcoming year."

As a result, the regional senior justice of the peace has decided to suspend court proceedings for provincial offences in Minden for a year beginning July 1, moving all those cases to Lindsay.

The Ministry of the Attorney General had not responded to the paper's questions about why the province was not hiring more justices of the peace by press time.

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Taking a break at ASES

Archie Stouffer Elementary School Grade 6 student Damon Harriss shows his breakdancing moves to his class during a battle on Monday, March 27 at the Minden school. Led by dance instructor Jimmy Chapman of Peterborough-based NRG Breakdancing, the school's kindergarten to Grade 8 students learned a variety of breakdance moves from the moon-walk to the robot over four sessions on four separate days, totalling close to five hours of instruction through the breakdancing enrichment offering. See more on page 3. /DARREN LUM Staff

Rule changes would 'neuter opposition'

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

Canada's opposition parties say the Liberal government wants a four-day work week for Parliamentarians and they're not OK with that.

The government is proposing a number of procedural alterations that would, among other things, reduce the number of days Parliament sits, the number of days the Prime Minister would be in the House of Commons

and limit filibustering.

"They're calling it a discussion paper to change the standing orders," says Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock MP Jamie Schmale, who is a member of the Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs. "They're basically changing how our system works."

Standing orders are the rules that govern the procedures of the House of Commons.

Among the changes the Liberals are proposing are getting rid of Friday sittings (MPs currently sit half days on Fridays); having

one day a week where the Prime Minister would answer all questions in House (opposition parties say he would not be present other days); limiting filibustering at the committee level by imposing a 10-minute maximum speaking time per member; prescribed time periods for legislation to make its way through the House, quickening the process and limiting debate; and allowing parliamentary secretaries more power on committees, something the Liberals promised they would

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County council raises taxes 5 per cent

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

The following are brief reports of items discussed during a March 22 meeting of Haliburton County council.

Councillors passed the 2017 budget, which includes total spending of \$21.6 million, \$15.5 million of it to be levied from taxation. That represents a 6.24 per cent increase over last year's tax levy and will result in a 4.86 per cent rate tax increase. That equates to an increase of \$9.19 per \$100,000 of assessment for residential properties and \$13.63 per \$100,000 of assessment for occupied commercial properties.

As always, the roads department budget is by far the largest departmental budget at approximately \$6.5 million. Health services will cost approximately \$3.2 million and social services approximately \$1.8 million. General government, which includes everything from administrative salaries to IT services to council to building and miscellaneous expenses, totals about \$2.4 million.

About \$830,000 is budgeted for the Haliburton County Public Library, \$400,000 in the tourism department, approximately \$370,000 for the planning department and about \$110,000 for protective services (this includes bylaw and 911 expenses).

Salaries and benefits will increase by one per cent in 2017, with salaries and benefits comprising 41 per cent of total budgeted expenses.

Circulation continues to climb at library

Circulation at the Haliburton County Public Library was 164,729 items strong in 2016, up from 160,495 the year prior, according to an annual report from library staff. About 15,700 of those items were digital ones. More than 7,300 people attended programs and events and more than 16,570 accessed the Internet using public access computers. The library's website had more than 24,000 visits and the library was mentioned in the media 936 times.

"We're really lucky in a small town to have local media, radio and newspapers," said Dysart et al Deputy-reeve Andrea Roberts as library CEO Bessie Sullivan presented the report. "We get a lot of publicity locally."

Provincial library funding in Ontario has been largely frozen for a number of years and some libraries throughout Canada are experiencing cuts. While the library's annual report often comes off as a success story, "libraries have to stop saying what they do well, but say what they're missing," Sullivan said. "Yes, we do a good job, but I can tell you we're missing a lot."

Algonquin Highlands Reeve Carol Moffatt mentioned that some cities are beginning to experiment with "staffless" libraries. "There are things you can do where you deliver library services without people," Sullivan said, but added she thought the idea of an unstaffed room where people congre-

gate constituted a major public safety risk.

Plus, she said, the job of staff is to help people find the services they're seeking.

"Staffing is a huge part of our budget for a reason," Sullivan said. "It's a service. It's connecting your users to services."

Flag policy

Council adopted a policy governing the flying flags at half-staff outside the county administration building on Newcastle Street in Minden.

In addition to the deaths of members of the royal family, governors general or former governors general, the prime minister or former prime ministers, the premier or former premier, or lieutenant governor or former lieutenant governors, flags shall also be flown at half-staff upon the death of a riding MP or former MP, riding MPP or former MPP, any current or former member of Haliburton County council or any of its lower tier councils or current county employees.

"In the last couple of months, we've had staff members pass away," said chief administrative officer Mike Rutter. "We really felt it was important a policy be developed so we have a standard set of rules."

Warden Brent Devolin said having a policy in place would make situations easier for future staff and councillors, so they're not making subjective decisions on the matter.

Procedural changes would benefit Liberals, Schmale says

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not do.

Schmale says the Liberals are using their majority status to ram the changes through the committee stage.

The committee is to have a report back to Parliament by June 2 and if everything goes according to the government's plan, Schmale believes that, after a potential prorogation, changes could be instituted when the House resumes sitting this fall.

"The Liberals are saying, 'here's what we're doing,'" he says, adding that traditionally, changes to standing orders are made with agreement from all parties. "Go all the way back to Sir John A. It was always done by mutual agreement. This is unprecedented. It has never happened before. The opposition would be completely neutered."

Having Parliament sit only four days a week, with no reduction in pay, would be insulting to Canadians, Schmale says.

"You don't hear military personnel complaining about sev-

en-day work weeks," he says. "You don't hear truck drivers complaining about being away from their families. This is the job we were elected to do. No one's holding a gun to our heads."

The Liberals have cited a better work-life balance for MPs, as well as more time for constituency work, among reasons for ditching Friday sittings.

Schmale says that if MPs really need to get back to their constituencies before Friday, "you can do that now. You just have to ask your whip for permission."

In what some Ottawa political pundits are referring to as a veiled threat, the government has also suggested Friday sittings could be extended to a full day, if the opposition parties are adamant about sitting on Fridays.

On Trudeau's attendance in the House of Commons, the Liberals' paper recommends adopting a question period model used in the U.K., where, one day a week, the Prime Minister personally fields the questions.

However, the paper doesn't mention whether the Prime Minister would be required in the House the rest of the week.

"Certainly, the Prime Minister is a popular person," Schmale says, alluding to the fact that Trudeau, like many of his predecessors, is often absent from Question Period on international business.

However, he says there's no need to formalize a requirement that the Prime Minister need only be in the House of Commons one day a week.

"He can do that now," Schmale says.

Filibustering is a political tactic where MPs eat up time by talking at great length.

Last week, Conservative and NDP MPs used the tactic in protest of the Liberals' procedural plans, with members of the committee beginning a filibuster Tuesday evening that lasted until the early morning hours of Wednesday, delaying the adoption of a motion to begin studying the procedural changes.

"Filibustering to preserve the right to filibuster," says Schmale, adding the opposition parties are united and will continue to protest the proposed changes.

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Don Popple, left, and Dale Walker of the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation accept a \$10,000 cheque from Minden Legion members Paul Norry, Judy Flieger, Al Mayo and Jim Ross. The donation brings the foundation's total for the Making Moments Matter campaign to nearly \$1.2 million of the \$1.25 million it needs to pay for the new palliative care addition under construction at the Haliburton HHHS facility.
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Breaking down the art of breakdancing

Archie Stouffer Elementary School Grade 6 students follow dance instructor Jimmy Chapman, centre, during the breakdancing enrichment offering on Monday, March 27 at the Minden school. Led by Chapman of Peterborough-based NRG Breakdancing, the school's kindergarten to Grade 8 students were also introduced to a new form of dance for many of them. The school's parent-teacher sponsored enrichment offering, which was held over four sessions for close to five hours of instruction, also provided an opportunity for students to develop motor skills and spatial awareness. Students were given a breakdown of all the steps for floor moves, complete with spins and twists, and standing moves, using just arms and hands. /DARREN LUM Staff

Lack of justices of the peace responsible for decision

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"Provincial offences are something where the revenue goes directly to the local municipality," said county chief administrative officer Mike Rutter. "It seems to me, there will be significant additional costs associated with this."

Rutter said the decision would likely require additional work by the Haliburton Highlands OPP.

"I'll sympathize with the police," said Devolin. "There will be people who will not show up."

"The OPP are going to have to pick them up and take them down," said Dysart et al Reeve Murray Fearrey.

"The fact they can't replace individuals within their organization speaks to their competency," said Devolin, who launched into a critical tirade of the province's Liberal government.

"I am not amused in any way," he said. "This is a lot bigger problem than just moving the court [temporarily] to Lindsay."

Devolin said if the community doesn't protest the decision, it's likely the province will make the move a permanent one.

"It'll never come back."

Devolin pointed out that the province has created a number of programs designed to reduce carbon emissions.

"I don't see how making everybody in Haliburton County drive to the City of Kawartha Lakes is going to help in any regard," he said.

"Once again, we're at the bottom of the food chain, said Fearrey. "It's just incompetency. Here's the old story again; the decision's been made."

Last year, the province announced it had decided to close the Minden Service Ontario office along with eight others in various communities. After significant outcry from those communities, the government announced recently the offices would remain open.

Algonquin Highlands Reeve Carol Moffatt said that not having provincial offences court take place in Minden will also mean revenue losses for local businesses.

"If you're in town, you know it's court day," Moffatt said. "There is a contribution to the economy in that regard. If you're in Lindsay, you'll shop in Lindsay."

The county will send correspondence to province requesting the decision be reversed and that local governments be reimbursed for lost revenues and incurred expenses.

Ontario and Superior court of justice matters will continue to be heard in Minden.

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AH seeks legal advice regarding Bear Lake Road

by **CHAD INGRAM**
Times Staff

Algonquin Highlands council will get advice from a lawyer regarding residents of Bear Lake Road hiring a contractor to clear snow from the roadway during the winter.

Township staff received an inquiry from a Bear Lake Road property owner in February.

“The property owner was under the assumption that a building contractor had received permission from the township back in 2015 to keep the road open while working on a project near the end of the road,” read a report from public works manager Mike Thomas. “Council may recall that this happened without township consent and when realized by staff, the contractor was instructed to cease any further road clearing operations.”

Bear Lake Road, located in the northern portion of Algonquin Highlands, poses a unique and complicated situation since, while it is municipally owned, it is not municipally maintained during the winter months. It is a seasonal road. Last year, council voted against spending \$4 million that would be required to bring the road up to municipal standards where it could be travelled by a snowplow during the winter months.

There are approximately 120 properties located off private

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— ALGONQUIN HIGHLANDS REEVE CAROL MOFFATT

roads located off Bear Lake Road, and for years, residents have been making requests regarding winter maintenance, as more of them wish to visit their seasonal properties during the winter months.

It was Thomas’s recommendation that council seek legal advice regarding allowing residents to hire a contractor to clear the road, a recommendation councillors were supportive of.

Hesitation over whether to allow the snow clearing stems from litigious concerns.

“If something goes wrong . . . municipalities are always

included in a bit of a widespread suit,” said Reeve Carol Moffatt.

“My first reactions was maybe there’s a bit of leeway here to work with them,” said Deputy-reeve Liz Danielsen, but added she too had concerns around joint-and-several liability.

Joint-and-several liability is a legal construct which dictates that, in a lawsuit with multiple defendants, if some defendants do not have the capacity to pay damages, their damages may be paid by a defendant who can afford to pay them, even if that defendant is found to be only one per cent responsible. It is the reason why municipalities are often named in lawsuits and Ontario municipalities have been lobbying the province through AMO (the Association of Municipalities of Ontario) to make changes to legislation regarding joint-and-several liability.

Councillor Brian Lynch hoped the legal opinion would not cost too much.

“I just don’t want to spend thousands on a legal opinion,” Lynch said. “We keep throwing legal opinions at this road. I more or less want a yes or no.”

“It would certainly put more information on the table,” said Councillor Marlene Kyle, favouring the idea.

While in some cases road associations can assume liability of publicly owned roadways, treasurer Tammy McKelvey told councillors those associations must be incorporated bodies in order to take on legal responsibility.

Algonquin Highlands council passes 2017 budget

by **CHAD INGRAM**
Times Staff

Councillors passed the 2017 budget, with total spending of approximately \$8.8 million, approximately \$4.7 million of that levied from property taxes. That represents a 7.7 per cent

increase over the 2016 tax levy.

Five per cent of that tax levy increase – or about \$223,000 – is the result of the yearly rise in the township’s OPP bill.

That increase brings Algonquin Highlands’ OPP bill for 2017 to more than \$960,000.

This is the third year of five-year phase-in of a new OPP billing formula that redistributes total OPP costs throughout

the province on a per-household basis. The province considers cottages to be households. Because the OPP cost increases are out of municipal control, local councils opt to pass that price increase directly to taxpayers each year.

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Sewage haulage operator applies for expansion

by **CHAD INGRAM**
Times Staff

The operator of a sewage-spreading facility near Maple Lake is applying to the Ministry of Environment and Climate Change for an expansion, and the public has an opportunity for input on that application.

Haliburton Septic Pumping uses a two-acre swath of a 96-acre property off Highway 118 near Maple Lake for the spreading of pumped sewage.

Two years ago, the Maple, Beech and Cameron Lakes' Area Property Owners Association, along with a citizen group calling itself Our Grandchildren Matter Too: Save Maple Lake protested the application for the operation of the site.

Algonquin Highlands council sought a legal opinion on the matter during the summer of 2015 and concluded that re-

zoning of the property was not required for the facility to operate.

"The legal opinion advised that field spreading was the subject of a recent OMB decision wherein the OMB considers the spreading of biosolids as a permitted agricultural use," Reeve Carol Moffatt wrote in an email at the time. "Since agricultural uses are permitted in a rural designation, the use of the subject property for field spreading is considered permitted and therefore an official plan or zoning bylaw amendment will not be required."

Haliburton Septic Pumping was fined \$365 in the fall of 2015 for not complying with ministry regulations.

A 45-day period for comment on the application for expansion ends April 29. The phone number for the Peterborough district MOECC office is 705-755-4300.

Minden Ontario Early Years Centre is not closing

by **CHAD INGRAM**
Times Staff

In case you've heard that the Ontario Early Years Centre is Minden in closing, know that it isn't.

"Lately we've had numerous inquiries about our licensed childcare centre in Minden," Pippa Stephenson, executive director of OEYC Haliburton-Victoria-Brock, wrote in an email to the paper. "Seems people are concerned that it's closing – it is not."

Long located along Bobcaygeon Road, the Minden OEYC moved into a vacant classroom at Archie Stouffer Elementary School at the start of the current school year.

"I believe the confusion stems from the fact that provincially there is an integration of four existing Family Support Programs funded by the Ministry of Education, to establish the Ontario Early Years Child and Family Centres (OEYCFC); one of which is the Ontario Early Years Centre

(OEYC)," Stephenson wrote. "OEYCFCs will open in January 2018 and will be the responsibility of Consolidated Municipal Service Managers (CMSMs – in our case it is the Municipality of City of Kawartha Lakes) and District Social Service Administration Boards (DSSABs). The Ministry of Education has directed each CMSM/DSSAB to conduct community consultations to determine what early learning services are needed in their area; and to then to decide what the OEYCFC programs and services will look like. It may mean a change of staff, location, and hours of service to present OEYC programs."

"The funding for the OEYCs is independent of the funding for the childcare," the email continues. "As the organization that operates both, we are of course taking steps to ensure little or no service disruption to our childcare families. The childcare centre should not be affected by this provincial Family Support Program transformation."

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IT SOMETIMES FEELS like the provincial government is trying to pinch communities north of Highway 7 out of existence.

It would be much easier, after all, not having to provide resources for all those tiny towns with the nerve to exist more than an hour's drive from the GTA.

Last week, county council received notification that provincial offences and small claims court proceedings that take place in Minden once a month will be moved to Lindsay for a year beginning in July.

The reason for this is that the region's senior justice of the peace has decided to centralize court operations, since the province is not hiring sufficient numbers of justices of the peace. The province's Central East region has 11 justice of the peace vacancies and three others off on long-term disability. However, according to the Ontario courts website, "applications for justice of the peace positions are no longer accepted on an ongoing basis."

Huh. How do you like that?

I sent an email to the Ministry of the Attorney General asking why the province was not hiring more justices of the peace and four days later, as I write this, I've still not received a response from the ministry's communication people.

The answer seems pretty obvious in a province with \$300 billion in debt.

Indeed, local politicians are not convinced the transfer of proceedings to Lindsay will be temporary.

"Nobody believes that," Algonquin Highlands Reeve Carol Moffatt said last week.

"I'm constrained by the decorum of this chamber to limit myself to language that's appropriate," was how Minden Hills Reeve and County Warden Brent Devolin sized up the situation.

The decision will have negative ramifications for the community. At the risk of coming across brash or judgemental, at least some of the people who attend court in Minden do not possess the means to get themselves to Lindsay. This, as politicians pointed out, will likely mean those people will have to be transported to Lindsay by the OPP, which will likely increase the already audacious OPP bills the county's townships are faced with.

It's completely unfair that the province's inability, or refusal, to hire more justices of the peace should fall into the laps of the county's taxpayers.

Municipalities are under increasingly abundant directives from the province all the time – ever-more-costly OPP bills, downloading of responsibilities such as septic tank inspections, asset management plans, planning controls, etc., etc., etc. – while the province continually seeks to reduce the services it provides.

Many residents will recall the recent victory where, after great outcry and the signing of petitions tabled by MPP Laurie Scott in Queen's Park, the province decided to keep the Minden Service Ontario office open, after it announced plans to close it last year.

It seems we have to fight continually just to maintain services in the county. Last year it was Service Ontario. This year it's the courthouse. What comes next?



CHAD INGRAM
Reporter

Kwarky



"Hey, I'm just playing devil's avocado!"

Expert tips for getting your next rod

THERE IS A SAYING that says, "In spring a young man's fancy turns to love."

Admittedly, this is an old-fashioned saying that's a little chauvinistic and ageist. But the sentiments still ring true – every spring one of my friends will fall in love with a new fishing rod.

As an outdoorsman who has been through more springs than a motel room mattress, I know a thing or two about what happens when an angler gets swept off his feet by a fishing rod he has hardly met.

I wasn't looking for love last week when I saw the 10-foot six-inch four-weight nymphing fly rod on that company's website. But, guess what? I found it.

This, by the way, is something you should never verbalize. Unless the person you live with is an angler, in which case, they will completely understand.

My partner in life is not an angler.

In this situation, an angler has two options. The first is to slip the rod in quietly and hope that your non-angling partner does not notice the new beast grazing among the herd that occupies the rod rack. This is foolhardy however, as most non-angling partners will pick up on the telltale signs, such as drool marks on the rod case and the fact that it occupies a place in bed each night between the both of you.

No, I have learned that the best way is to face the issue head on with determination and bravery.

Oh, and if possible, announce the purchase on your birthday at the celebration.

That's what I tried this year and, if preliminary results are any indication, I have reason to be encouraged.

The theory behind this is sound. Basically, it's difficult for someone to be mad at you on your birthday. A word of caution here though, it is not impossible. And, in fact, the more you spent on the rod, the more possible it becomes.

In this case, I knew where the line was and I toed it.

Even so, you will be asked unreasonable questions such as, "Why do you need another fly rod?"

Try not to look hurt when this occurs. Instead, provide a logical answer.

I said, "This one is 10-foot-six inches. That's twice my height..."

"Is that important?" she asked. "Uh, sure..." I replied.

Most veteran non-angling spouses will leave it at that. For they know that if they delve any further into it, they will be regaled with a finely honed lecture on the myriad advantages that this "magic stick" will bestow upon the family and upon the history of angling in general.

Mine, who is quite well versed in the drill, has merely perfected the eye roll and, after that, as a rule goes back to reading her book.

Other questions might arise shortly thereafter, such as "How much did that thing cost?"

This is why is it good to always have an email on your phone poised to be sent to yourself on standby. When the question is asked, hit the send button and stall until the email announcement sounds off. Then, look at your phone, furl your eyebrows and say, "Oh my! This is important and I need to deal with it immediately."

Pretend to deal with the fake crisis until you believe your spouse's train of thought has left the station.

I'm on day three now.



STEVE GALEA
Beyond 35

IN OTHER WORDS

Columns and Letters to the Editor

Absence of good government

THE NEW YORK TIMES' COLUMNIST Paul Krugman wrote recently that the Republican party, now governing the U.S., is not ready to govern.

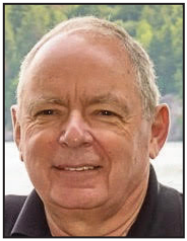
I would add this: There are few, if any, political parties anywhere – Canada included – ready or fit to govern. Good governance is a scarcity in a consumer society that has lost its feel for the concept of common good.

Ours is a society of individuals that believes we all should be free to chase our individual desires and self interests without giving up much for the overall common good.

Our governments have become tightly focused on the individual. It is important for them to protect our individual benefits. Not doing so would cost them support because fewer people are willing to accept sacrifices required for the common good.

As more individual voices – the voices of minorities once seldom heard – have gained prominence, it has become difficult for political parties to serve the common good, or even to determine what it is.

Working for the common good has mutated into the belief that you do whatever is needed for the political party to gain and retain power, thereby ensuring it can do good things. However, too often what the party needs to have and to hold power is not always what is best for the common good.



JIM POLING SR.
From Shaman's Rock

More simply put: Too often politicians push aside what they truly believe is right, and stand up for what is perceived best for the political party.

There was an example of this late last fall when Cuban leader Fidel Castro died. Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, who called Castro a "remarkable leader," caved in to critics and decided not to attend the funeral.

Castro was a friend of the Trudeau family and an honorary pallbearer at Pierre Trudeau's funeral. The elder Trudeau did not accept Castro's Communist dictatorship methods but understood why the Cuban revolution occurred. He encouraged a special Canada-Cuba relationship based on helping the Cuban people.

Justin Trudeau decided not to attend the funeral because the Liberal party feared it would cost them votes. And, likely anger incoming U.S. President Donald "Forrest" Trump who planned a harder line against the island nation.

It was another case of abandoning what you think is right in favour of what's good for the party. Pierre Trudeau would have given the party operatives the finger and gone to the funeral.

Not standing firm for what you believe, not accepting sacrifice for the common good, has created a leadership crisis. Our leadership class is collapsing as people have lost trust in government, the news media, many of our institutions and systems.

We don't have the strong leaders needed to guide us through some of the most serious problems faced by humankind. How to balance and protect our world in an era of rapidly changing climates? How to pay for and maintain our tremendous gains in health care? How to stop social disintegration caused by an ever-decreasing job market, especially for those without post-secondary education?

We have created a society that encourages freedom of the individual more than the citizen working for the common good. Most of us agree that we must dramatically reduce pollution, change energy consumption, provide excellent health care while reining in costs. Yet too few of us are willing to change our personal habits.

Our governments could move us to change our personal habits but won't for fear of lost support. In the meantime, they continue to try to satisfy everyone.

They overcommit themselves despite knowing that all expectations can't be satisfied. They continue to make promises they cannot meet, while racking up more and more deficits.

The American writer Robert J. Samuelson wrote in a 1992 *Newsweek* article that America cannot work unless citizens take more responsibility for their actions.

"We face a choice between a society where people accept modest sacrifices for a common goal or a more contentious society where groups selfishly protect their own benefits."

That certainly applies to Ontario, and the rest of Canada. We need to change our thinking and the thinking of our politicians. If we can't do the latter, we need a wholesale change of politicians of all parties.

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letters to the editor

MOECC ignored resistance

To the Editor,

I am a property owner along Highway 118 near the 25th Line.

Over the last couple of years, the MOECC approved an application to establish a hauled sewage disposal site at 10538 Highway 118, in Algonquin Highlands township.

Despite widespread resistance from the property owners adjacent to the site and being in contravention to the township zoning bylaws, MOECC granted approval because the "science" was right.

I have just learned that the MOECC has received an application for the expansion of the ap-

proved spreading site (from 0.85 hectares, to 3.5 hectares) located at 10538 Highway 118, Lot 26, Concession 3, Stanhope Geographic Township, Algonquin Highlands, off the 25th Line, operated by Haliburton Septic Pumping.

The MOECC previously ignored vigorous resistance from the property owners and bypassed the township in its approval. This could happen again. A review of the Hauled Sewage Act must include public opinion and input. It must not impact on municipal zoning bylaws either.

Laurie Morris
Maple Lake

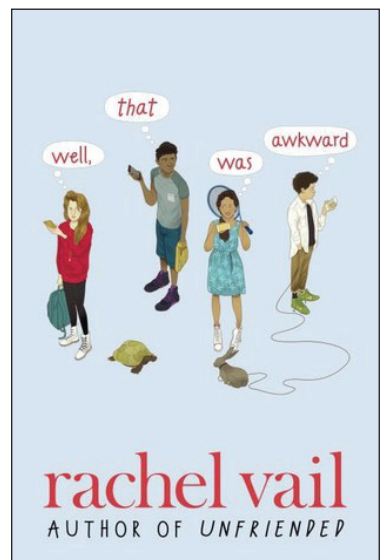
Junior Book of the Month

Well, that was awkward by Rachel Vail

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fine, right? She's always been the sidekick, and is okay with being second best. Well, almost. She's trying. Or maybe it's time for Gracie to find her moment of perfect happiness.

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Medically assisted dying policy outlined

by **JENN WATT**
Editor

The following are brief reports of items discussed at the March 23 meeting of the Haliburton Highlands Health Services board.

Medical staff at Haliburton Highlands Health Services will be complying with federal legislation on medically assisted dying, but will not be helping patients with the final step.

A two-part process was outlined by chief of staff Dr. Kristy Gammon, which begins with an assessment of the patient. If the clinician agrees that the patient is a candidate for medical assistance in dying, or MAID, that patient will then be assessed again, by a second clinician.

"Generally, it's going to be the clinician who would be providing medical assistance in death," she said of the second assessor. "If both of those steps are passed there's a 10-day waiting period for reflection."

HHHS staff may perform the first assessment, but the second assessment will not be happening there. Instead, patients may go to Peterborough for this assessment or use the telemedicine suite at the hospital facilities.

Medical staff who are not comfortable playing a role in medically assisted dying are not obligated to, however they must be respectful of patients' wishes and provide a timely referral to someone who will assist.

"The general legislation supports people having it at home and so in our area de fac-

to that's likely going to fall under the auspices of CCAC [Community Care Access Centre]," Gammon said.

CCAC has not yet completed its policy around MAID.

Gammon also pointed out that because HHHS's long-term care units are considered people's homes, assisted dying might be performed at Highland Wood or Hyland Crest, likely involving CCAC staff.

"Though it's under our roof, we're not providing that service," she said.

She wasn't able to give specifics about CCAC services when asked by board members, since their policy had not been completed.

Board member Jeff Gollob asked what would happen if someone was denied by the second assessor. Could they continue to look for a second medical opinion to agree to MAID? Was there a limit to how many doctors were consulted?

Gammon said she didn't have the answer to that; the legislation is so new that many potential challenges have yet to be encountered.

HHHS still in the black

The corporation is still in good financial shape, though a surplus going into 2017 is dwindling.

Board member David Gray presented the finance committee report, which reflected January's numbers. While HHHS had a \$62,000 surplus, they are now much closer to the line.

"The numbers for January, given the

pressures from payroll, sick time, utilities, etc., that surplus has shrunk down to \$2,614. Close to breakeven," he said.

Recruitment continues

HHHS continues to look into leads for new emergency department doctors. CEO Carolyn Plummer told the board one new physician was going through the credentialing process and would begin picking up shifts in May in Haliburton.

Recent retirements, departures and leaves have made scheduling doctors difficult. Plummer said there were two additional leads, which were being followed up.

Palliative centre on schedule

Plummer told the board the palliative care centre was on schedule, with construction moving along smoothly. Interior work should be complete by the end of May with the entire building finished in June, she told the board.

A tentative grand opening ceremony is being planned for Friday, May 26 at 11 a.m.

Meanwhile, fundraising for the centre is progressing rapidly. HHHS Foundation executive director Dale Walker told the board they had raised \$1.2 million as of Thursday, including funds from the Legions in Minden and Haliburton, who dedicated money from the poppy fund. She anticipated having raised the entire \$1.25 million by the end of May.

Compassionate care suites coming soon

Using dollars raised by the Minden and Haliburton hospital auxiliaries, the new compassionate care suites are being created at HHHS's long-term care homes.

The suites "will be used in a number of different ways including providing a space

for residents requiring close monitoring by nursing staff during an illness, and a space for residents and/or their families to use when a resident has become palliative and is reaching end of life," Plummer report to the board says.

There will be one suite at Highland Wood and two in Hyland Crest – which has two floors and about double the residents. Work on those should be done this spring.

Haliburton Hospital Auxiliary presented to the board that \$70,000 had been raised this year for the Haliburton hospital, which included money for the compassionate care suite, an iPad for long-term care residents and washrooms in the emergency department. Their next event is the geranium tea on May 7.

Board invites warden to meet

Following comments from Haliburton County Warden Brent Devolin that there needed to be a made-in-Haliburton solution to health care, the HHHS board has responded.

Board chairman Dave Bonham said that they would be happy to meet with Devolin.

Little else was said, however the board's response was an agenda item for the meeting. Bonham said the board members discussed Devolin's comments, which were made during a recent Chamber of Commerce breakfast and reported in the local media, in camera.

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Poppy fund goes to cadets

Members of the Minden Legion present a \$2,500 cheque from the Legion's Poppy Fund to representatives of the local cadets. From left are Minden Legion vice president Paul Norry, president Judy Flieger, vice president Jim Ross, Al Mayo and cadets reps Lily Austin and Max Ward. CHAD INGRAM Staff

County could make improvements to assist the aging, committee says

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

An organization that looks out for the interests of people as they age is making a host of recommendations to local governments.

Aging Well Haliburton County has been working on an age-friendly master plan, which it is in the process of finalizing.

Consultant Kate Hall, who was hired to work on the plan, presented findings and recommendations to Haliburton County councillors during a March 22 meeting.

Hall explained to council the committee gathered input through focus groups with seniors, community luncheons, an online survey and interviews with reps from agencies that provide services to seniors.

"This research also builds on some research the Aging Well committee has been doing since 2008," Hall said, adding the idea was to target groups of people whom the organization has not heard from in the past. "The following three responses came up consistently through all of the research."

The top three suggestions were the development of a public transportation system; a greater mix of housing options for aging in place; and greater availability and access to medical and health services.

"When people are no longer able to drive and become reliant on their own two feet, walkability becomes really important," Hall told councillors.

As for health care, "for the most part, people are happy with the services," Hall said, "it's really the eligibility piece. You don't know the system until you need the system. That can be every complex and confusing for people."

A recommendation was a centralized hub organization that might more easily allow people to navigate the system.

As for housing, "it's really about design, proximity to community and affordability," Hall said, adding it was positive the county's official plan was being updated to encourage the development of more alternate forms of housing, such as granny and garden suites.

While there is a Kawartha Lakes Haliburton Housing Corporation, and while there is a 10-year housing and homelessness plan, "there's not currently an implementation piece for that in place," Hall said, adding another suggestion was the creation of a housing advisory committee at the county level.

Hall said the local government could also create a strategy to court the developers of retirement homes.

In everything, she said design should always be top of mind, and that accessibility should be thought about in wider terms than just being accommodating to those with disabilities.

"If something is good for an eight-year-old, and good for an 80-year-old, it's good for everyone in between," Hall said.

"You've covered a lot of ground here," said Minden Hills Reeve and County Warden Brent Devolin, adding some of the recommendations did not fit under the purview of the county. "A lot of these responsibilities are beyond the role of county government."

Devolin, who sits on the housing corporation board, said through work on the area's poverty reduction strategy, it has been acknowledged there needs to be some breaking down of the silos in which service agencies sometimes operate.

"Pretty well all of these processes have public input," he said, adding that often, when municipalities hold public meetings on any variety of issue, the turnout is often quite low.

Aging Well Haliburton County is set to begin the implementation of the strategy in April.

Gardening through a drought

Speaker to address xeriscaping techniques at upcoming horticulture talk

by JENN WATT
Editor

It's possible to conserve water and still have an attractive property, but it involves making choices. You can't have flowers from Argentina and expect them to survive without heavy watering, says Mieke Schipper, volunteer executive director of the Gamiing Nature Centre on Pigeon Lake.

"If you start using plants that come from other areas then ... you'll have to use a lot of water," she says.

Schipper is the guest speaker at the Minden and District Horticultural Society's meeting on Tuesday, April 4, at the Minden Hills Community Centre. Her talk is on "xeriscaping" with native plants.

Xeriscaping, or dry gardening, is a way to landscape your property to look good, while also not needing constant watering. This can be achieved by selecting plants native to the area, Schipper says.

"If you want a lawn that's a total green lawn you'll have to water it. You have to make choices. You have to say to yourself, what is important to me? Do I want a green lawn? I'll

have to use water. Maybe at the time that's not the smartest thing to do. We used to think water is infinite. We know now that it's not," she says.

Groundcover plants can be used to keep the land green without requiring watering, for example.

The Gamiing Nature Centre where Schipper works is a 100-acre property in City of Kawartha Lakes that includes wetlands, forests, open field and shoreline on Pigeon Lake.

The easiest way to reduce the amount of water needed on your lawn and in your gardens is to choose native plants.

"Those plants belong here. They're suited to the soil, suited to the climate. They just live by themselves and nobody was watering them and they did very well and people were using them for all kinds of reasons – to spruce things up, medicinal purposes, to make clothes from, to make dyes," says Schipper.

You can hear Schipper's talk by attending the horticulture society's meeting at 1 p.m. at the Minden Hills Community Centre on Tuesday, April 4. For more information, email minden@gardenontario.org or go to mindenhorticulturalsociety.ca.



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Local students Andrew Carmount, left, Rachael Reddering and Vivian Collings are inviting other teens to help them grow food in the One to Three Youth Garden at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre behind Nature's Place. It's an effort to not just learn about sustainable agriculture and help the environment, but to be part of a movement towards self-reliance. Absent for the photo was Emily Parish./ DARREN LUM Staff

Youth plant the seed for their own change

by **DARREN LUM**
Times Staff

Standing steps from Nature's Place in Minden, it's difficult to see past the detritus left behind from the snow melt on the One to Three Youth Garden at the back of the building.

However four senior Haliburton Highlands Secondary School students are doing just that, looking past seemingly insurmountable environmental issues to make a difference for themselves and other youth.

Last year, Grade 12 students Rachael Reddering and Vivian Collings with Grade 11 students Emily Parish and Andrew Carmount combined their efforts to use the Minden Hills Cultural Centre's donated land to plant, cultivate and harvest such vegetables as tomatoes, carrots, zucchini, potatoes, radishes and basil. That was a trial year, which encouraged the group to continue this year and include other youth.

Their aim with the trial year was to learn first-hand how to be self-reliant make positive change. They admit it was a small step in a larger movement starting in their own figurative backyard.

Andrew is a socially conscious teen. He invites other high school aged students to join them.

This project fills an important void for teens, he said.

"Our community is missing for involvement, especially related to gardening and non-sport things. We feel like there are things for little kids to do and adults to do, but there is a huge gap for teenagers to get out and do things in the community," he said.

The learning objective is to teach self-reliance.

"Our main goal is for youth [to learn] that skill: knowing how to grow food. Also, we wanted this to be a social thing. [Teach] social skills and how to do things on your own," Andrew said.

He adds this is an important lesson, particularly for high school students preparing to leave home for university.

It fills an important need to not just provide a communal experience, but to inspire and give young people an emotional boost.

"We saw a gap for education for youth outside of school. We saw how growing food is very important and this lack of social community within teenagers now a days is hugely lacking. So, we thought this would be the best thing to get people out and talking about important issues while also doing something as positive as growing food," Andrew said.

It's much more palatable for people to focus on a step rather than realize all the changes required, Rachael said.

"If you start small and grow from that, they can adapt to it," she said.

The idea for the garden came back in 2015 while competing in the video contest The Solvey Project. Open to the public, competitors sent in their video with their idea to teach youth about environment issues while learning how to grow food. They competed again in 2016.

The project is run by YouTube personalities and friends, Louis Cole and Dave Erasmus. Cole is a vlogger (a person who uses personal videos to deliver messages), aiming to inspire others through his FunForLouis channel, which documents his adventures around the world. Also a vlogger, Erasmus has been a guest speaker for TED Talks, basing his talk on giving, and is the founder of givey.com, a global donation platform that supports charitable projects internationally. The aim of the Solvey Project videos was to encourage youth to become involved with sustainable agriculture. The winning video would be awarded money and assistance. The local teens did not win, but found last year's garden rewarding.

Before this trial effort, the students had only gardened at home. They had never been part of anything of this scale or like this outside of school.

During the growing season, the foursome was helped by cultural centre staff, who provided labour and ensured the irrigation system was activated when none of them could come to the garden.

Andrew's mother and centre director Laurie Carmount welcomed the students and encouraged their ambition. She was dismayed by criticism directed at the teens for how the garden looked during the year. The garden may not have always looked like it was well-tended to, but the point of the garden was experiential learning. This year signage is being planned to better inform the public about the garden.

The students learned about the importance of balancing responsibilities and scheduling.

"We see it as a success for that reason. It wasn't because of beautification. It wasn't because of aesthetics ... It was a success because these kids learned and they learned first-hand," Carmount said.

Vivian agrees and sees value in learning, even if it was from mistakes.

Andrew said there was a steep learning curve to working on the garden. This year, the group is striving to be more organized to deal with time constraints.

"We kind of got caught up with having jobs, outside jobs for making money for university and things like that. It was really hard to find time for people get out and to work on it," he said. "There were technical things that we could do

better."

Andrew said the group is making a schedule and hopes with more people – even just one – working on the garden it will alleviate pressures.

Last year's harvest provided enough for everyone to go home with produce despite the dry conditions. It helped that the garden didn't face much challenge from insects or deer, which actually helped by pruning peppers. The young gardeners employed permaculture and companion planting. As a preventative measure against pests, the young gardeners planted marigolds.

Andrew said the key is to keep it simple. The plan is to plant less, but increase the yield for garlic, tomatoes, peppers, onions, carrots, potatoes and beans. Those who help this coming harvest season will share in the yield.

Rachael said this garden represents what is possible and how people can get away from the current trend of consumerism.

"It's really important to teach our youth, like us, to alter our mindset about how we have to live and how we have to be consumers and consume, consume, consume. There is so much waste in that. When you're self-sustaining you can grow everything you need and want, basically," she said. "It's very important because now at the rate we're going it's not sustainable at all. We're kind of digging ourselves a hole."

People don't realize this lifestyle is detrimental, she said.

"We're just so focused on money and ourselves we don't realize we're killing ourselves, really. I just think it will go downhill if we don't do anything," she said.

They've considered mentorships with the Minden Horticultural Society and other groups. Sharing knowledge is what this effort is about and the group welcomes advice. They hope people can believe in them and give moral support. Donations of lumber for garden box frames and trellises are welcome.

The foursome have been growing plants at their homes for the past few weeks in preparation for the season.

"We basically have it all planned out. We just need the snow to go away," Andrew said.

The group will use its Facebook page (One.to.three) to document their progress and announce when the garden needs work such as weeding or harvesting, which will likely be held Saturdays.

He wants people to remember a philosophy in this endeavour.

"Global thinking, local action," he said.

For more details or to help with the effort contact onetothree50@gmail.com

Few perks for riding in budget, Schmale says

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock MP Jamie Schmale doesn't believe the riding will benefit much from the Trudeau government's second budget.

Finance minister Bill Morneau unveiled the 2017 federal budget in the House of Commons on Wednesday, March 22.

"It wasn't an overly exciting budget," Schmale says. "It was kind of ho-hum. There wasn't a lot in there."

The budget includes a \$28.5 billion deficit. The deficit for 2016 was approximately \$23 billion. During the last election campaign, the Trudeau team pledged deficits of no more than \$10 billion a year, with plans to balance the budget by 2019.

Now, deficits are scheduled to decline over the next few years, but are still forecast in the \$19-billion dollar range by 2021-2022.

Among budget highlights are \$11 billion slotted for affordable housing over 11 years, \$7 billion over 10 years for new childcare spaces and \$8.4 billion in capital defence over the next decade and a half.

"We may see some benefit today, but for future generations, that's going to cause issues," Schmale says of the spending.

Among the budget's positive components, Schmale counts the continuation of millions in funding for improvements to high-speed Internet and filling of cellular connectivity gaps, a program he's quick to point out was started by the previous government.

"That hopefully will start making a difference for people very soon," he says.

The Eastern Ontario Regional Network, of which Haliburton County is part, is looking for \$200 million in funding for a massive project that would improve cellular connectivity throughout the eastern region of the province.

The budget also has \$2 billion earmarked for rural infrastructure projects, "which, of course, the funding is always needed for," Schmale says.

There was about \$4 billion in the budget for education, training, skills and "innovation," although Schmale doesn't believe the riding will benefit from much of that.

Saying the government is picking "winners and losers" as it tries to steer the country's economy in a certain direction, he believes that funding will be injected into particular parts of the country.

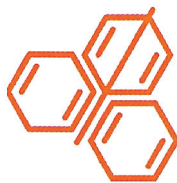
"They didn't really define 'innovation,'" Schmale says. "A lot of that money will go the tech area, the Waterloo area . . . we're not going to see a lot of that money."

This is the second consecutive budget where the Trudeau government has not cut the small business tax rate, something Trudeau pledged to do during the 2015 election campaign.

"Had they cut the small business tax, I'd be a little more comfortable," Schmale says.

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The board of directors of the Minden Community Food Centre has much to be proud of these days. A year ago, Joanne Barnes, manager of the centre, was honoured to receive the Highlander of the Year Award from the Haliburton Chamber of Commerce, for her leadership at the Minden Community Food Centre and Fuel for Warmth, which she established several years ago. In December of 2016, Marilynne Lesperance, chair of the board for the Minden Community Food Centre and also chair of the board of Fuel for Warmth, received the Gordon A. Monk Award from The Township of Minden Hills, in recognition of her outstanding volunteerism in Haliburton County. Most recently, Rev. Max Ward, long time board member and treasurer of the Minden Community Food Centre, was awarded the Highlander of the Year for 2016 by the Haliburton Chamber of Commerce. Rev. Max is also the current chair of Places for People and is a mason with the Arcadia Lodge in Minden.

Barnes directs a crew of volunteers who typically provide help for 150 to 200 families a month. Lesperance has another group of volunteers who produce 100 large frozen meals every Monday morning. These nutritious meals are made available to those in need. Together they secure large quantities of product which is used in the Minden facility and shared with other food banks in Haliburton and Kawartha Lakes. They also use this food to provide dinners and luncheons in the new community kitchen — some as fund raisers, others as a meal for anyone in the community. Rev. Max Ward is the financial wizard who keeps track



Marilynne Lesperance, Max Ward and Joanne Barnes. Photo by Pat Thornett

of all the donations coming in and the expenditures required to maintain the smooth operation of this important community charity. He has also been responsible for many improvements to the new building.

Having these three people, all from the same organization, recognized for their contributions to the community, is very special. The board of the Minden Community Food Centre, and our community are very fortunate to have these outstanding volunteers to help to make a better life for many people in Haliburton County.

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Walkabout Farm poised to improve lives

by JENN WATT
Editor

Jennifer Semach wants to create an inclusive, healing environment at Walkabout Farm. Using a herd of horses and potentially other barnyard animals, the equestrian is turning her passion into a business that she hopes can help the community.

With a background in both horseback riding and crisis support, Semach saw a natural fit in a therapeutic riding academy based in the Haliburton Highlands.

"I saw the need for services here for inclusion," she said in an interview with the *Times*.

"It came to me one day that this is what I could do for the community bringing together my experience with horses and having a specific skillset to work with people with special needs."

She has worked for the YWCA, at a residential treatment centre for kids with mental illness, for the OPP and as a volunteer with the Minden Hills fire department.

"All of these life experiences I've been able to bring into my business plan," she said.

Semach grew up in Orangeville riding horses. Her parents supported her passion and she learned horsemanship and riding by working with kids at the volunteer-run Teen Ranch in Caledon.

"That's where I really was able to spend as much time as I wanted with horses," she said.

There she met her riding instructor Christine Smith-Avery.

"I ended up working for her for over 15



Brooklyn Spence and Courtney Semach double riding Valentino and Chewbacca. /Photo courtesy of Jennifer Semach

years. She was my mentor," she said.

Several years ago she and her husband and

son moved to the Highlands. She then had a daughter and was a stay-at-home mom.

Her time in the Highlands has demonstrated the need for subsidized programming.

"Particularly, our high poverty rate that we have. I'm running it as a non-profit because a lot of our participants and volunteers don't have the opportunities as other urban centres with the funding available and resources available to them to pay for it," she said.

Using government grants, private donations and business sponsorships, Semach is hoping to achieve her dream for Walkabout Farm.

Currently, she has two horses she owns and two that she leases and another that's boarded at Briarwinds Farm in Ingoldsby, the temporary location for the business.

Her complete vision includes other animals, however, such as goats, ducks and dogs.

Horses seem to have a special connection to humans, Semach said, particularly because they are in-tune with human emotions. You must be calm when you approach a horse in order for it to feel comfortable with you. Participants can learn how to calm themselves in difficult situations through training with a horse, which can then be applied to high-stress situations elsewhere in life.

The physical action of horseback riding also offers good exercise and can be well suited for some disabilities such as multiple sclerosis, she said.

"[The horse's] movement is the same movement that our hips make," she said. Those with disabilities "can work those muscles without doing all the work. ... It's been proven to improve circulation and balance."

It's also good for posture.

One of the horses Semach has on the farm is an eight-year-old named Chewbacca, which she purchased at the Whispering Valley Equine Sanctuary near Renfrew.

"He was pulled along with six other horses from a slaughterhouse where their fate was sealed as they awaited processing," she wrote in a follow-up email to the paper. "He was

extremely fearful of people, had a deformed nose from a previously embedded halter and had definitely been severely abused. I've spent the last 17 months gentling him, training him to be ridden, understanding his triggers and desensitizing him to human touch."

Semach said "Chewy" is an ambassador for the program, proving that "you don't have to be perfect to succeed and find fulfillment in life and that there is a definable place for us all to move forward from the traumatic experiences and hurdles in our past."

At present, Walkabout Farm is working with kids with mental health issues and is taking on volunteers and has made a partnership with Community Living. Eventually, Semach wants to be able to bring in occupational therapists and physiotherapists, more animals, create a youth outreach program and employ adults with special needs doing barn work.

The first steps are getting the program started and attracting funding. Semach wants those who could benefit from the program to be able to access Walkabout Farm no matter their socioeconomic background. To do that, she's hoping local businesses will sponsor riders or horses and has employed a grant writer to help bring in funds. They can also take donations through their partnership with Community Living.

"She reached out to us and we do absolutely believe in what she's trying to create. We are partnering about innovative programs that we can create at Community Living that we can run at her farm," said Teresa Jordan, executive director of Community Living Central Highlands.

Those who wish to donate to Walkabout Farm can do so through Community Living, which will hold the funds in trust and can issue tax receipts.

Semach is also looking for a permanent home for the farm – a location close to Haliburton or Minden.

To find out more or to get in touch with Semach, you can email walkaboutpps@hotmail.ca.

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Midget girls head to provincials

The Bancroft I.D.A./Red Eagle Family Campground midget B girls travelled to Brighton Tuesday night to take on the Cold Creek Comets in their LLFHL eastern loop playoff finals. The winner of the four-point series will advance from this last round to participate in championship weekend on March 31 and April 1 in Oshawa. The Jets came out flying and took a 1-0 first period lead late in the opening frame when Kennndal Marsden's one-timer from a sweet feed from Jamie Little beat the Comet tender low blocker to give Bancroft momentum heading into the second period. Kennndal Marsden gave the Jets a 2-0 lead after eluding a Cold Creek defender at the blueline, driving to the net and beating the netminder with a forehand-backhand deke. Bancroft kept up their gritty attack and battled Cold Creek the duration of the game. Their continued focused efforts contributed to a 3-0 lead early in the third period when Katie Funk fired a beauty wrister top glove to give the Jets a larger margin on the score clock. A solid team effort, including Katie Hoover's shutout win performance earned Bancroft the win and a 2-0 lead in the four-point series.

The Jets host Cold Creek at home Friday night, March 24 at 6 p.m. and again, if needed, Sunday afternoon in Bancroft at 12:30 p.m. Keep up the great team efforts girls as you push your way to championship weekend and the all-Ontario provincial finals on April 7 to 9!

The Bancroft I.D.A. / Red Eagle Family Campground midget B girls hosted the Cold Creek Comets on Friday night looking to wrap up their LLFHL eastern loop final series and advance to the championship weekend on March 31 to April 2 at York University. A win would give the Jets two-points and eliminate the Comets from the playoffs, giving Bancroft the eastern loop first place entry into the five team tournament for the midget B LLFHL championship. The Jets continued their momentum from Tuesdays 3-0 win in Cold Creek and jumped out to an early first period lead when Danielle Sunstrum finished off a nice passing play from Jamie Little and Sara Switzer. Trying to avoid elimination, Cold Creek battled back early in the second period to tie the game at 1-1, stuffing home a loose puck in the crease. Bancroft put the Comets back on their heels the next shift when Kennndal Marsden finished off a feed from Sara Switzer and fired a wrister past the Cold Creek tender from the high slot to re-take the lead at 2-1. Late in the second period, Sara Switzer gave Bancroft a 3-1 lead (and eventual game winner) with a beauty rush eluding the Comet defender at the blueline and then beating the Cold Creek net-minder with a dandy forehand-backhand deke. Cold Creek pulled their goalie late in the third period and pressured the Jets the last two minutes of the game trying to find two goals to earn a tie and avoid the end of their hockey season.

Their efforts paid off with 39 seconds left in the game with another goal-mouth scramble to draw close at 3-2, but the Jets gutted out the win in the gritty match-up keeping the Comets off the score sheet the rest of the game to advance to their LLFHL Championship Finals weekend. Great team effort girls to earn the second piece of our pre-

season goals ... earn a spot at the All-Ontario Provincial Championships (top 24 Ontario team tournament) in Brampton on April 7 to 9, and now advancing to our midget B championship weekend final tournament with the eastern loop first place title, where the winner of each of the five loops representing the 44 team Lower Lakes Female Hockey League will battle for the gold medal on March 31 to April 2. Congrats girls. Keep up the focused and determined team efforts as you forge ahead in both Championship tournaments.

Submitted by Dan Marsden

Bantam girls Jets headed to championship game

The Jets wrapped up their final series of playoff games against the Cold Creek Comets. A great display of hockey skills, team work and determination was demonstrated by both teams in every game.

On Wednesday evening, the team travelled to Brighton for their first game against their evenly matched rivals.

Hannah McMann scored the first goal in the first period, and beat the Comets goalie over the shoulder on the blocker side with a wrist shot, unassisted. In the second period, Olivia Martin carried the puck in, took a shot, and Emma Neuman was there for the rebound adding to the scoreboard for the Jets. The team took the win with a score of 2-1.

Saturday saw the team host the Comets on home ice in front of a large crowd.

The Jets came out strong and early in the first period, Paige Billings found a path and passed to Emma Neuman who found the back of the Comets net with precision timing. Both teams continued to exchange chances at both ends of the rink. Near the end of the third, with 2:30 left on the clock, Cold Creek pulled their goalie and the pressure paid off with their one man advantage, as they ended up tying the game before the sound of the final buzzer. The end result was a tie game 1-1.

Wanting to take the win and finish the series, the Jets travelled to Frankford on Sunday. Once again both teams battled hard throughout the game. The first goal was scored by Paige Billings with a slap shot from just inside the blue line, unassisted. The Comets found themselves in a similar position as Saturday and in an effort to score, pulled their goalie with 2:48 remaining. Their strategy once again proved successful as they evened the score with two seconds left on the clock. Another tie game result of 1-1.

Courtney Semach made some fantastic saves throughout the series in net for the Jets.

The Jets ended the series with four points and the Comets with two. We wish the team the best of luck as they head to the Championship game this Friday being held in Toronto at the Canlan York Arena at 8 p.m. Congratulations Jets!

Submitted by Melissa Armstrong

Atom Storm wraps up fantastic year

On Friday, March 24 the Cottage Country Building Supplies/Ridgewood Ford Highland Storm atoms travelled to Baltimore to play in the Cross Border Clash Tournament. The atom first game of the Cross Border Clash Tournament was versus the Baltimore Ice Dogs. The Storm played hard but lost 7-1. Goals was scored by Addison Carr, who achieved the goal during his penalty shot.

The Storm's second game was versus the Lindsay Muskies. The Storm played hard but lost 4-0.

On Saturday, March 25, the Storm travelled to Cobourg to face the Brighton Braves for the third game of the Cross Border Clash Tournament. The Storm played hard but lost 8-1. Goal was scored by Addison Carr and assisted by Cooper Coles.

On Sunday, March 26, the Storm travelled to Grafton to face the Sturgeon Lake Thunder for the C final championship at the Cross Border Clash Tournament. This was a sit at the edge of your seat game that went into a three on three overtime win. The Storm started the first period with a rocket goal by Colby Coumbs. The Thunder answered back a minute later. Then a minute after that Logan Tripp fired one into the net followed by a goal from Austin Boylan. The game was 3-1 going into the second period. The Thunder dominated this period scoring two back-to-back goals and it was tied going into the third. The third was intense. Both teams were not giving up. Aiden Perrott got a beauty goal in the net unassisted but the Thunder answer with a goal a minute later. The game was 4-4 going into a minute four on four overtime. No one scored so they went to a three on three overtime where with 13 seconds left Addison Carr scored assisted by Aiden Perrott and Colby Coumbs winning the C championship!

On behalf of all the players and parents we want to thank all the coaching staff for volunteering their time to these boys we really appreciate it. Thank you for an awesome year we couldn't have done it with out you.

Submitted by Amber Card





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Senior Hawks boast full team

by **DARREN LUM**
Times Staff

As the snow melts outside under the spring sun, the Red Hawks senior badminton players are busy preparing for the season in the gym of the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School.

This year's senior squad boasts a complete team of 16 players, eight girls and eight boys.

Some players are working towards returning to the OFSAA (Ontario Federation School Athletic Association) championships while others are interested in playing their best.

Coach Bob Schmidt loves how everybody on the team has experience, as some have at least two years' experience and a few with four years.

Very few of the players have been set to a particular pairing or committed to singles at this time.

However Schmidt did say his son and Grade 11 student Ben Schmidt, who was an OFSAA finalist last year with boys doubles partner Jaydon Wood, has potential for success in competing in singles.

Another OFSAA potential, he said, is the mixed doubles team of fourth year duo of Dylan Smith and Hannah Klose.

The girls doubles team of Jamie Little and Kennal Marsden will be looking to return to OSFAA (as they did two years ago) after missing out last year with a COSSA fifth. Factoring heavily in the results was an ankle injury. The pair was hampered at COSSA when Little rolled her ankle in the second match of the tournament. Despite the injury the pair soldiered on and their result helped to secure the COSSA team title. Schmidt said the girls doubles team

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Team titles are nice, but I don't focus on that.

— COACH BOB SCHMIDT

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is likely to make it to COSSA and has potential to return to OFSAA.

“We'll see how they do,” he said. “It's fine tuning shots [right now]. That's the big thing.”

The team has a chance to win a third consecutive COSSA team title this season.

Schmidt isn't focused on that, as much as he is on just preparing his players to be ready to go as far as they can, which for some will be the all-provincials.

My focus is “to help them to get there. Some are long shots. Some are maybes. I work with their potential,” he said. “Team titles are nice, but I don't focus on that.”

With pre-qualifying, qualifying, a Kawartha championship, and the COSSA championship to work for to get to the all-provincials from May 4 to 6 in Pain Court, located within the Chatham-Kent area, there are enough things for the coach and players to work towards that a third consecutive team title would merely be a residual benefit.

The pre-qualifying for qualifying event for seniors is April 4 with the juniors vying for spot to advance on April 6.



Red Hawks senior badminton player Dylan Smith works on his shot during practice on Wednesday, March 22 at the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School. Smith and the seniors are working towards preparing for the season, starting with the Kawartha pre-qualifier the first week of April./
DARREN LUM
Staff

Notice



COUNTY OF HALIBURTON Official Plan

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING OFFICIAL PLAN UPDATE

Subsection 17 (15)(d) of the Planning Act

TAKE NOTICE: A public meeting will be held pursuant to subsection 17(15)(d) of the Planning Act to review proposed updates to the policies of the County of Haliburton Official Plan.

Date: April 26, 2017
Time: 9:00 am
Location: County Council Chambers
11 Newcastle Street, Minden

THE PURPOSE AND EFFECT: An official plan is a policy document which guides the development and growth of our communities and County. It provides land use direction regarding residential, commercial, industrial, institutional, parkland, utilities, infrastructure and many other land use components. This update includes new draft policies on growth and development, source water protection, affordable housing, climate change, wildland fire and rural lands. Official plan policies enable the protection, preservation and enhancement of natural heritage and water features. The goals and objectives set out in an official plan work to balance the interests of each individual property owner and each community with those of the local municipalities and the County.

THE AMENDMENT: The County of Haliburton Official Plan will update and replace the existing Official Plan, approved by the Ministry of Municipal Affairs on October 7, 2010 and which came into effect on November 5, 2010.

The Official Plan Update will affect all lands within the County of Haliburton. No key map is provided. All land use schedules and the entire Official Plan text are available for review at:
<https://haliburtoncounty.ca/services/planning-and-gis/official-plan/>.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: For more information about this matter, including information about preserving your appeal rights, contact the County of Haliburton Administrative Office during regular business hours, Monday to Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Dated at the Township of Minden Hills this 28th day of March, 2017

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PUBLIC NOTICE

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Geographic Township of Stanhope

WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Algonquin Highlands has declared part of the original road allowance lying between Concession 12 and Concession 13, in the geographic Township of Stanhope, in the Township of Algonquin Highlands, County of Haliburton, to be surplus.

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Municipal Corporation of the Township of Algonquin Highlands proposes to enact a By-Law to stop-up, close and convey to the abutting property owner(s) that part of the original road allowance lying between Concession 12 and Concession 13, described as all and singular that certain parcel or tract of land and premises situate, lying and being in the Geographic Township of Stanhope, in the County of Haliburton and being composed of the following:

FIRSTLY: THAT part of the original road allowance between Concession 12 and Concession 13, described as Parts 1 and 2 on a Plan deposited in the Registry Office for the Registry Division of Haliburton County as Plan 19R-9818

SECONDLY: THAT part of the original road allowance between Concession 12 and Concession 13, described as Parts 1, 2 and 3 on a Plan deposited in the Registry Office for the Registry Division of Haliburton County as Plan 19R-9820

THIRDLY: THAT part of the original road allowance between Concession 12 and Concession 13, described as Parts 4, 5 and 6 on a Plan deposited in the Registry Office for the Registry Division of Haliburton County as Plan 19R-9820

FOURTHLY: THAT part of the original road allowance between Concession 12 and Concession 13, described as Part 1 on a Plan deposited in the Registry Office for the Registry Division of Haliburton County as Plan 19R-9823

FIFTHLY: THAT part of the original road allowance between Concession 12 and Concession 13, described as Parts 2, 3, 4 and 5 on a Plan deposited in the Registry Office for the Registry Division of Haliburton County as Plan 19R-9823

The proposed By-Law will come before the said Council for consideration at its regular meeting at the **Stanhope Firefighters' Community Hall**, 1095 North Shore Road, **on the 6th day of April 2017** and at that time, the Council will hear in person or by his/her counsel, solicitor or agent any person who claims that his/her land will be prejudicially affected and who applies to be heard. Any person who wishes to be heard by Council regarding this proposed closure must contact the Clerk to schedule a delegation with Council.

Dated: March 30th 2017

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Keep busy and well, they go together

AROUND THE TOWN

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Here at the old farmhouse our March break is over and regular schedules being followed. I have decided to no longer whine about time changes and go along with Theresa on the CHEX morning show. Her philosophy makes sense - there is no old time, there is no new time there is just time. To catch up the scores will be incorporated into this one column for this week. As a retired occupational therapist and Bruce's background in municipal recreation we have both always valued what people chose to do in their leisure time. This comes out so clearly through the various cards and other pursuits that are recorded in the usual column. The cards, the shuffleboard, and special events associated with these groups are only the common interest that brings people together. The values of friendship, empathy, support during trying times are the real bonds. Every week I duly record the scores while in my mind picturing the face that might go with the name and eagerly scan the photos in the *Times* of local events looking for a familiar name. Everyone so skilled in euchre or bridge (which I never learned to play during university year, first time bidding three Queens) is perceived as belonging to a certain age group usually for the seniors groups in the 70s. Now I am told it was Archie Ross's birthday on Saturday, and that Archie would be 99 years old. My closing "keep busy and well, they go together" rings true. It is a privilege to be the recorder and celebrate the incredible strength and independence behind so many of those names. They are my "honour role."

March 13 contract bridge at Stanhope: The high scoring quartet members were Mary

Johnson 5,590, Willie Cox 5,010, Irena Zworska 4,640 and Kathie Porter 4,510 with Sandy McKay taking home the Lucky Loonie.

March 14 contract bridge at Minden United Church: Nancy Ballantyne reports that top marks went to Jan Heaven at 4,150 then Catherine Kellett 3,930 and Jule Gray 3,490. Catherine and Linda Voicey teamed up for a rare Grand Slam.

March 14 Minden Seniors bid euchre at Minden Legion: Representing the ladies Doug McIntosh led at 285 followed by Clare Obdam 283 and Muriel McIntosh 260. First for the gents at 268 was Tom Arnold with Reg Coulter 254 second and Bruce Metcalf 253 third. In the moonshot column singles went to Bill McKnight, Vi Howell and Pat and Marcel Roussel with Jesse Barlow and Muriel McIntosh each taking two. tak

March 15 duplicate bridge at Parklane, Haliburton: Playing Howell Reet Murray and Frank Schklotter led at 63 percent then Heather Lindsay and Helen Baker 62.5 percent. Joan Davies partnered with Dee McLean 57 percent and Ross Davies and Rod Smyth 56 percent.

March 16 euchre at Minden Legion: from Tom Grix the news that most lone hands honours went to Bev Johnson and James Bastedo with the high scores posted by John Deak and Howard Smith. The evening's lows were recorded by Clare Miscio and Clinton Brown with Yves Lamoureux the draw winner. Other prizes were awarded to Harold Harvie., Clare Miscio and Bev Alexander.

March 16 bid euchre at the Minden Community Centre: Bev Johnson reports that the leading ladies were Sharon Jarvis 272, Muriel McIntosh 264, tied for third Vi Howell and Betty Wagar 256 and Gail Medcalf 211. At 287 Theresa Deak was first representing the gents followed by Archie Ross 247, Bruce Medcalf 242 and Pat Scadden 234. Maria Tschida held the hidden score, Vi Howell won the card draw and Diane

Wigley call 1. The single moonshot went to Archie Ross along with everyone's best wishes for his birthday on March 18th number 99!

March 17 duplicate bridge at Echo Hills, Haliburton: North/South honours went to Judy Neimann and Mary Johnson 55 percent Ross Davies partnered with our bridge reporter Muriel McIntosh 54.5 percent. Over in East/West Margo and Tom Davidson [welcome back] led at 60 percent then Ross Fletcher partnered with Helen Baker 52 percent.

March 17 euchre at Staanworth Court, Minden: Winning for high hands was Jean Randell, for lone hands Bev Johnson, for low hands James Bastedo AND for the special prize Myrna Bronson. Thanks to Shirley Howe for this update.

March 19 Sunday Bid Euchre at Minden Legion: Top marks went to Theresa Deak 307, Pat Roussel 305 and Frank Franzen 291. Holding the hidden score was Muriel McIntosh while John Kerr claimed the card draw and Diane Wigley call 1. Bev Johnson further reports that she and Clare Obdam shared the prize for high hand/game [71] while Theresa Deak, Ron Morrison, Marcel Roussel and Al McMullen [2] claimed the moonshots.

As always keep busy and well. They go together.

March 20 euchre at St. Paul's Friendship Club, Minden: Holding the most lone hands were Lyn Preston and Betty Sharpe with Kay and Peter Millard posting the high scores. The afternoon's low went to Lil Mann with Don Blakey the draw winner. Thanks to Pearl Cowen for her update.

March 20 Kinmount Seniors bid euchre at Kinmount Legion: Rose Isaacs reports that Gala Newell led at 244 then Tom Grix 225 and Dana Briscoe 212. Tom Grix continued his "hat trick" of three [thanks Tom] taking both the draw and the single moonshot of the afternoon.

March 20 euchre at Staanworth Terrace, Minden: Winning for high hands was Shirley Howe, for lone hands Lil Mann, for low hands Murray Simmons and for the special prize Bev Johnson. This news comes from our reporter Sherin Brown.

March 20 contract bridge at Stanhope: Irena Zworska led at 5,180 followed by Sandy McKay 5,120, Ross Fletcher 5,040, and Frank Schlotter 4,160 with Jackie Metcalf winning the Lucky Loonie.

March 21 Mixed Shuffleboard at Stanhope Firehall: Topping the charts were our repeter Pearl Cowen and Larry Murphy 395 then Joan Bell partnered with Merv Elstone 314. In third spot were Connie Sawyer and Irene Murphy 300 while the afternoon's low of 148 was posted by Lyn Preston and Kay Bull. March 21 Minden Seniors bid euchre at Minden Legion:

Leading ladies were Muriel McIntosh 257, Georgina Parkes 239 and Vi Howell 198. First for the gents at 241 was Tom Arnold then Doug McIntosh 237 and Jesse Barlow 218. The draw winner was Archie Ross with Marcel Roussel, Patti Arnold and Tom Grix claiming the smaller prizes while Pat Roussel took the single moonshot of the afternoon.

March 22 duplicate bridge at Parklane, Haliburton: Playing Howell Muriel McIntosh partnered with our regular reporter Margo Davidson [welcome back] led at 68 percent. Tied for second spot at 64 percent were the duos of Joan Davies and Dee McLean and Mary Johnson and Ross Fletcher followed by Peter O'Connor and Gord Cochrane 61 percent

March 23 bid euchre at Minden Community Centre: Top honours for the ladies went to Leading ladies were Margaret Oetelaar 260 then Gail Medcalf 251. Tied for third spot at 243 were Doug McIntosh and Jean Randell with Donna Darby fourth at 237, representing the gents Clare Obdam posted the highest score at 324 followed by Dana Briscoe 254, Archie Ross 242 and Irene McDowell 233. Albert Foster won for call 1, Diane Wigley held the hidden score and Archie Ross took the card draw. Muriel McIntosh further reports that moonshots landed on Sharron Atkinson, Tom Grix, Vi Howell and Bruce Medcalf. :

March 24 euchre at Staanworth Court, Minden: Shirley Howe reports that Murray Simmons won for high hands, Jean Randell for both lone hands and the special prize and Connie Sawyer for low hands.

March 24 duplicate bridge at Echo Hills, Haliburton: Playing Howell Peter O'Connor and Gord Cochrane led at 66 percent then Helen Baker partnered with Ross Fletcher 57 percent.

March 27 euchre at St. Paul's Friendship Club, Minden: Most lone hand honours went to Lyn Preston and Peter Millard with Lorraine Campbell and Barbara Braithwaite posting the high scores. The afternoon's low went to Pat Bonnell while Lorraine Campbell won the special prize. Thanks to Pearl Cowen for this update.

March 27 Kinmount Seniors bid euchre at Kinmount Legion: Rose Isaacs reports that the high scoring trio members were Jesse Barlow 251, Frank Franzen 214 and Hazel Benetin 202. Marjorie Paradis won the draw while Jesse Barlow claimed the single moonshot of the afternoon. Rose adds a special thank you to Frank, Marjorie and Hazel for their thoughtfulness.

March 27 euchre at Staanworth Terrace, Minden: From Sherin Brown the news that Shirley Howe won for high hands, Joan Riel for lone hands, Jean Randell for low hands and Pearl Cowen for the special prize.

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Stanhope offices to break ground in early spring

Stanhope Township's new municipal office is ready to progress from the drawing board as soon as the weather allows for the ground breaking.

Tenders for the construction project were opened in February, and last Wednesday council went into a closed session to discuss which company should be awarded the contract. James Howe building contractors won the contract with the lowest bid of \$208,643.

The new office is to be built on municipal lands near the firehall and library. Township Administrator Gerald Bain said the start-up date for construction is May 1, but if weather permits, it could be earlier.

The 3,400-square-foot frame and brick building will house the council chambers and administrative

offices. The plans also include a full basement, which will provide room for future space needs.

Bain said the bid from James Howe takes the project to the point where drywall is installed. Trim and finishings will cost extra, he said.

The township also accepted a bid from Silver City Construction for the installation of a septic system at a cost of \$2,400.

Bain said councillors seemed pleased with the tenders. The overall cost equals about \$64 per square foot, he said.

The target date for the completion of the project is Oct. 15.

Highlights

Leadership hopeful

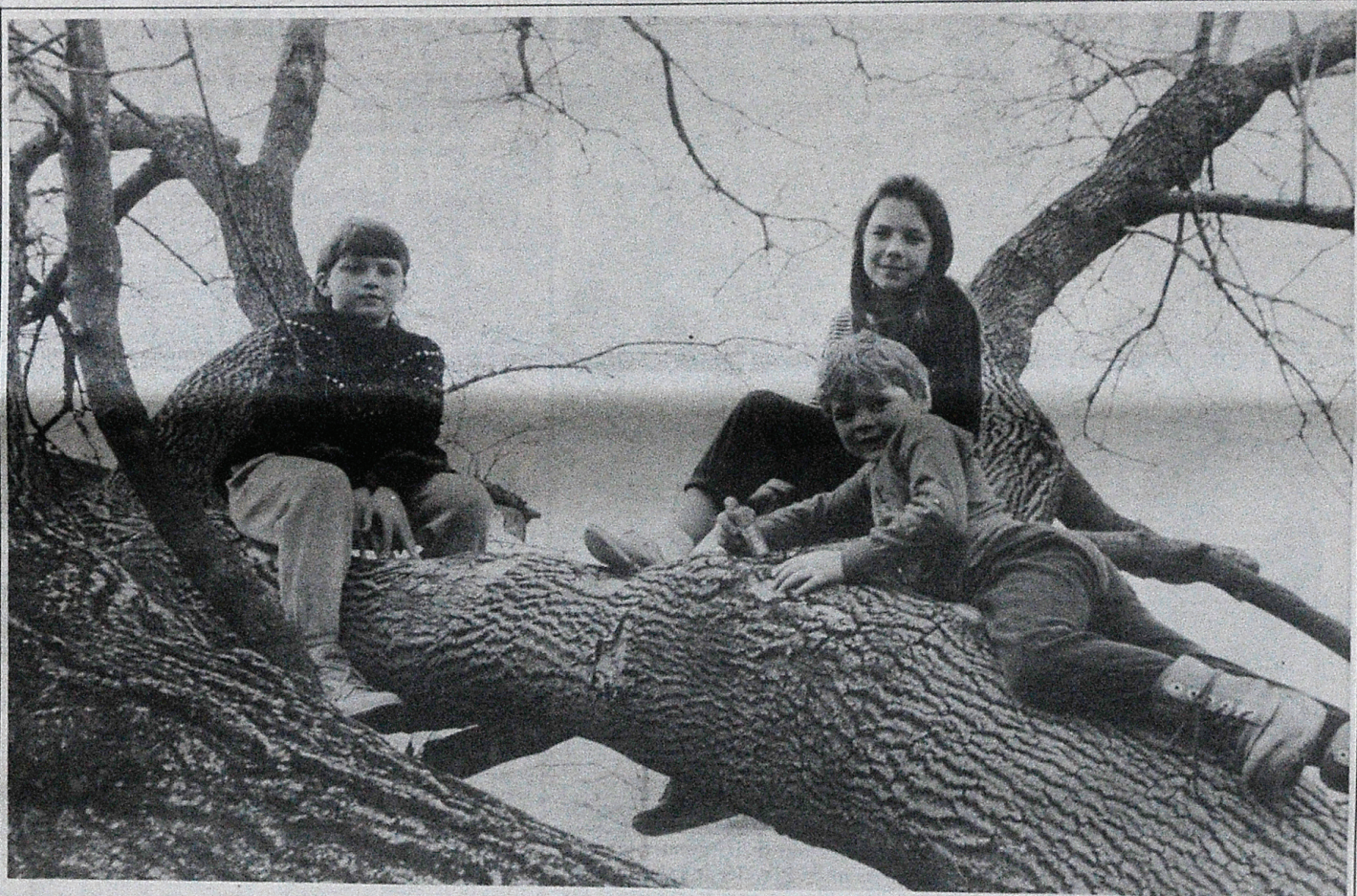
Liberal leadership candidate Paul Martin Jr. attempted to steer away from discussion on the Meech Lake Accord when he addressed fellow Liberals in Lindsay last week. Martin was in the riding to solicit support for his bid to replace John Turner as the leader of the federal party. Please see page 2.

Hazard lands

The Ministry of Natural Resources has said it does not require an official plan amendment for minor changes to Hazard Land Zoning. It is now up to Minden Council to change its rules to avoid unfair costs to landowners. Please see page 7.

Community policing

Community policing may soon be a reality in Haliburton Village now that the Minden OPP detachment has assigned an officer to deal specifically with this innovative initiative. Please see page 10.



HANGIN' OUT: Christopher Preston, Nicole Gauley and Bradley Gauley were soaking up the sun last Thursday from their perch in a tree on Main Street in Minden. Students couldn't have asked for

better weather for their March school break. record-breaking warm temperatures gave the kids a chance to get outside and enjoy their week away from studies.

Bank rates discourage tax payments

by Jay Kerr-Wilson

Minden could repair the arena, pay for the new ball diamond and still have change left over if the township was able to collect all of its outstanding taxes.

At the start of the year, the township was owed \$334,215 in property and business taxes, including interest and penalties.

But Minden Reeve Ray Moore says the situation is not as desperate as the numbers suggest. He says non-payment of taxes is related to high interest rates charged by the banks.

Under the Municipal Act, municipalities can only charge a maximum of 15 per cent interest per year. If a ratepayer is in a position where he has to borrow money to pay his taxes, Moore says "it's cheaper to pay the penalty than to pay a bank rate of 18 per cent."

If the situation gets any worse, Moore says council might have to lobby the Ministry of Municipal Affairs to increase the maximum penalty municipalities can impose on back taxes.

Despite the large amount of unpaid taxes, Moore says the total is less than one per cent of Minden's budget. "There's no indication of

troubled times in the future," said Moore.

His theory is supported by the trends in tax defaults. Until the end of 1988 the total amount of outstanding taxes was \$144,838.

During 1989 the Bank of Canada began pushing interest rates up in order to fight inflation and during that same period Minden's unpaid tax total more than doubled to the current amount.

The process for recovering unpaid taxes is both long and complicated. It can take up to four years for the municipality to recover unpaid property taxes.

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 Skylar Pratt 184
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 Emily Boccitto 151
 Sarah Hudson 146

March 21

Men

High Average Claude Cote 207
 High Single Ken Thompson 287
 High Single H/C Nick Biljetina 318
 High Triple Ken Thompson 753

High Triple H/C Nick Biljetina 829

Women

High Average Chris Cote 194
 High Single Chris Cote 206
 High Single H/C Irene McDowell 272
 High Triple Chris Cote 534
 High Triple H/C Anne Lampman 715

March 20 and 24

Men

High average Claude Cote 212
 High single Claude Cote 269
 High single handicap Fred Phipps 304

High triple Ken Thompson 699
 High triple handicap Fred Phipps 781

Women

High average Chris cote 189
 High single Chris Cote 228
 High single handicap Chris Cote 257
 High triple Chris Cote 576
 High triple handicap Anna Shuster 677

Friday, March 24

Men

High average Claude Cote 200
 High single High single Gary Hunt 282

High single handicap Gary Hunt 309
 High triple Claude Cote 695
 High triple handicap Gary Hunt 764

Women

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DORSET NEWS

Lee Ross
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While it may not feel like it, spring had arrived in Dorset, and before you know it we'll be complaining about the mosquitoes and the heat!

The 14th annual Ukrainian Easter Egg Workshop is being held on Saturday April 1 at 10 am at the Dorset Rec Centre. Learn the history of "pysanky," the meaning of the symbols and create a beautifully decorated egg using the wax resist method with beeswax and a "kistka." Space is limited so make sure you register by March 29. The workshop is geared towards adults - minimum age is 10. Cost is \$5 per person.

Lions International is celebrating its 100th year of humanitarian service this year, and Canada is celebrating its 150th Anniversary, so to celebrate the Dorset Lions Club has set out to re-purpose the ball diamond in to a half-court basketball facility and open the rest of the outfield in to walking paths with exercise stations, a looping trail, park seating, picnic tables, horseshoes, perennial plants and shade trees. The project will be phased in over two years and is a partnership with the Dorset Lions Club, Townships of Lake of Bays and Algonquin Highlands, local businesses and community groups. Participation from the public is encouraged, as the amenities listed are subject to available funds. Your involvement could be recognized on a framed certificate of appreciation, on-site engraved plaques and a tax deductible receipt. For more information you can grab a card at the Dorset Post Office and other establishments around town, or email dorsetlions@gmail.com.

You've probably heard of geocaching, but do you know what it is? It's an outdoor recreational activity in which participants use a GPS or mobile device and other navigational

techniques to hide and seek containers called "geocaches" at specific locations marked by coordinates all over the world. You can download the free app and start caching today. There are over 5 caches located right in the town of Dorset, all of them suitable for the entire family. There are also many located outside of the downtown core, including Kawagama Lake Road and Livingstone Lake Road. The activity is suitable for people of all ages, it gets you out moving around (exercising without even realizing it!!) and you can learn a lot of great things about your community.

There are currently three grand opportunities available to businesses and/or community organizations in Muskoka. The Pay It Forward Muskoka Grant offers grants of up to \$2,500 to community members and groups wishing to build a stronger Muskoka together. The BEAM (Broadband For E-Business And Marketing Grant) is a funding opportunity for businesses that provide grants up to 75% of the cost to design, develop and implement a new or existing website, content, mobile applications and operational business applications. Limit \$4,000 per business. The Youth Entrepreneurship Placement Program (YEPP) Grant is a \$71,000 wage subsidy available for "innovative companies" to hire a youth (18-29) for a 16-week summer placement from May to August 2017. If you have a project or program idea in mind and think that one of these funding opportunities may fit your needs, or want more information on any of them, please contact Jennifer Pilon at jpilon@lakeofbays.on.ca or 705-635-2272 ext. 235.

Grab the family and come to the Pavilion on Main Street in Dorset on Saturday April 15 at 2 p.m. for the first ever Dorset Hub Kid's Easter Egg Hunt! Bring a basket to hunt for eggs, then turn the eggs in for a treat and a fun craft. This is a free event so tell your friends!

Happy birthday to Jacob Armstrong-Darke, Kyla Woods, Ray Blake, Debbie Guidi, Zach Lock and Rich Nash. If you have items or birthdays for the Dorset News please submit them to burgesslt@me.com.

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UPCOMING

Community Events

Shout Sister Choir Performance in support of HERS

When: Thursday, March 30th, 7:30pm
Where: Minden United Church, 21 Newcastle Street, Minden
Enjoy a variety of popular music with the Shout Sister Choir, in support of Haliburton Rural SafeSpace (HERS), the YWCA-operated women's shelter in Minden.
Cost: Admission by donation with all donations going to HERS

H.H.O.A. Wild Game Dinner/Silent Auction

When: Saturday April 1/17
Where: Haliburton Legion, 719 Mountain Street
Cocktails at 5:00 pm, Dinner at 6:30 pm
Tickets \$35.00 per person or \$55.00 per couple
Contact the HHOA Fish Hatchery at 705-457-9664 to reserve your tickets now

Environment Haliburton - Public Presentation

When: Saturday April 1, 2017 at 1 pm
Where: West Guilford Community Centre, 1061 Kennisis Lake Road, West Guilford
Guest Speaker: Dr. Tony Weis, Professor of Geography at Western University and author of The Ecological Hoofprint: The Global Burden of Industrial Live stock
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Haliburton Highlands Land Trust Discovery Days: Sounds of the Night: Owl Prowl!

When: Saturday, Apr. 8, 8:00 pm - 10:00 pm
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Location: Meet at Zion United Church, 1021 East Rd. Carnarvon at 8:00 pm where carpools will be arranged and directions provided.
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Doc(k) Day

When: Saturday, April 8
Where: Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion
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Minden Curling Club - 50s/60s Rock & Roll Dinner/Dance

When: Saturday, May 13, 2017
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Application deadline: Friday, April 7th 4:00pm



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If you are interested in joining our team for the above positions, please submit your resume in confidence by April 12, 2017 to:

Haliburton Highlands Health Services
c/o Human Resources
Box 115, Haliburton, Ontario, K0M 1S0
hr@hhhs.ca
Fax: 705-457-4609

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

NOTICE

The 21st Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Corporation (HHHS) will be held on Thursday, June 22, 2017 at 2:00 p.m. in the Auditorium of the HHHS Minden Hospital / Hyland Crest.

2017-18 Membership in the HHHS Corporation is available to any individual who is a resident* of, or who is employed or operates a business in, the County of Haliburton or in the Townships formerly known as Laxton, Digby and Longford, or Bexley or Somerville of Victoria county, or Cavendish and Galway of Peterborough County for a period of at least 12 months immediately prior to the payment of an annual membership fee of ten dollars (\$10).

Membership in the Corporation entitles an individual to vote at any general meeting of the Corporation. **To be eligible to vote at the June 22, 2017 AGM, new memberships must be obtained by May 1, 2017.** Members of the Corporation are also entitled to nominate Directors for election to the Board.

The fee may be paid and proof of membership obtained at HHHS, Haliburton or Minden Business Offices, during regular business hours, or by contacting:
Marlene Vieira
HHHS Administration Office
7199 Gelert Road, Haliburton, ON K0M1S0
Phone: 705-457-2527
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650 OBITUARIES

In Loving Memory of
Ruby Eileen Gilbert (nee Wruth)
Passed away peacefully at the Highland Wood Long Term Care, Haliburton on Monday, March 27, 2017, at the age of 92.

Beloved wife of the late Mervin. Dear mother of Daryl and predeceased by Brynell, Bryce, Bradley and Rhonda. Mother-in-law of Lyn, Valorie and Mervyn. Loving grandma of Wayne, Michelle, Pam, Tina, Darnell, Darren, Amanda, Jeremy, Aaron, Sam, Ben and 13 great grandchildren. Sister of the late Ez, Irene, Murray and Gladys. Fondly remembered by her many nieces, nephews, family and friends.

Friends are invited to visit the family at the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., 127 Bobcaygeon Rd., P.O. Box 427, Minden K0M 2K0 on Thursday, March 30, 2017 from 5:00 pm until 7:00 pm. A Private Family Graveside Service will be held at the Ingoldsby Pioneer Cemetery later in the Spring.

Memorial Donations to the Highland Wood Resident's Council would be appreciated by the family.

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Michael 'Mike' Bunn
(Resident of Irondale, Ontario)

Tragically on Sunday morning, March 19, 2017 in his 41st year. Beloved son of Alan & Norma Bunn and grandson to Robert & Audrey Bunn. Cherished father of Emily Bunn. Beloved fiancé of Denise Graham. Loving brother of Alan Jr. & William. Predeceased by his brother Kevin. Lovingly remembered by his many aunts, uncles, cousins and his niece Avalynn and nephews Raymond, Andrew and Kevin. Mike was an avid outdoorsman and a great mechanic. He enjoyed entertaining family and friends with his love of music, dancing and playing the spoons. Mike loved cooking and spending time with his family and friends. Mike & Denise were planning an upcoming wedding in July 2017.

Visitation, Funeral Service & Reception

Friends may call at the **HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME** 13523 Hwy. #118, Haliburton, Ontario on Sunday afternoon, March 26, 2017 from 2-5 p.m. Funeral Service in the Chapel on Monday morning, March 27, 2017 at 11 o'clock (Visitation one hour prior). Cremation to follow. As expressions of sympathy donations to the Haliburton Highlands Outdoors Association would be appreciated by the family.

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JUDGE, Robert (Bob) Michael
November 5, 1944 ~ March 24, 2017

It is with great sorrow that we announce the death of Robert (Bob) Judge after a heroic fight with lung cancer at Lakeridge Health Oshawa.

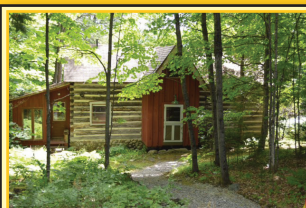
Son of the late Wilfred and Jean Judge. Loving father of John Judge and the late Michael Judge. Attentive and loving grandfather of Christine and Michael Judge Jr and great grandfather of Chloe, Brooke and Bryson. Dear Brother of Edward, John, Marilyn, Michael and the late Paul Judge. Robert was a member of the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 636 with a fondness for darts, golf, boating, dogs, gardening and of course, fast cars. All who knew Bob will miss his kind and generous heart and sense of humour.

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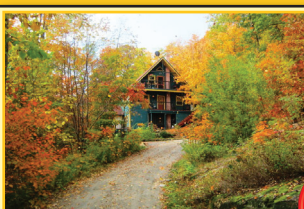
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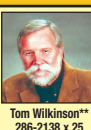
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